

Senate Bill No. 1659

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 129765 of, and to add and repeal Section 130021.5 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1659, Cox. Hospital seismic retrofit.

(1) Existing law, the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983, requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to assume prescribed duties relating to construction and alteration of hospital buildings, including, but not limited to, review and approval of construction plans, in order to ensure that the buildings would be reasonably capable of providing services after a disaster.

Existing law sets forth the facilities plan application requirements, including, but not limited to, that the application be accompanied by the plans and full, complete, and accurate specifications.

This bill would authorize the office to permit electronic submission of plans.

(2) Existing law requires that all related regulatory submissions by the office to the California Building Standards Commission be adopted as emergency regulations.

This bill would require the office to propose to the commission regulations facilitating construction of toilet rooms accessible to persons with disabilities in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, and would deem them to be emergency regulations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 129765 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

129765. In each case, the application for approval of the plans shall be accompanied by the plans, by full, complete, and accurate specifications, by structural design computations, which shall comply with the requirements prescribed by the office. The office may permit electronic submission of plans.

SEC. 2. Section 130021.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

130021.5. (a) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall propose to the California Building Standards Commission regulations amending the California Mechanical Code within the California Building Standards Code that facilitate construction of toilet rooms accessible to persons with disabilities, in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. The regulations shall be deemed to be emergency regulations and shall be adopted as such.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor